

MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 31 August 2010

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401

ATTENDANCE:

Council: **Present:** Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), John X. Donahue, Joseph L. Dowling, M.D., John W. Flynn, Gary J. Gaube, Wallace Gernt, Maria Gil, Robert Hamel, R.N., Theresa Jeremiah, Amy Lapierre, Steven Lonardo, Denise Panichas, Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Excused: Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., Ph.D., Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Daniel Orgel, MPA, Robert J. Quigley, D.C (Chair)

Not Present: Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. Minutes of the Health Services Council meeting of 27 July 2010 were adopted as submitted. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Donahue, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Hamel, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The acting Chair, Ms. Almeida, moved the review of the expeditious request by Eleanor Slater Hospital to the end of the agenda in order to permit the applicant time to arrive.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of **Home Instead Home Care, Inc.** for initial licensure as a Home Care Provider Agency in North Kingstown.* Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Hamel, seconded by Dr. Dowling and passed by a vote of twelve in favor, none opposed and one recusal (12-0-1) to recommend that the request be approved subject to

the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Donahue, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Hamel, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Panichas, Shire. Ms. Gil recused.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report to the Health Services Council on the application of Elder Care Consultants, LLC for initial licensure as a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency in East Providence*. Staff summarized the application. Staff noted an error in the table on page 3 of the report and that it would be corrected.

A Council member requested that a representative of the Department of Human Services present an overview of the Medicaid Global waiver at an upcoming meeting.

A motion was made by Rev. Shire, seconded by Mr. Flynn and passed by a vote of thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) to recommend that the request be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Donahue, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Gil, Hamel, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Panichas, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the *request for an Expeditious Review by Eleanor Slater Hospital to consolidate its operations to three buildings through renovations to James Varley and Manual Mathias buildings and establishment of a “hospital zone” connected to the Reagan building*. Staff summarized the request and reviewed the expedited review process.

The acting Chair noted that an approval to recommend expeditious review required a two-thirds majority vote.

John Young, Chief Executive Officer of Eleanor Slater Hospital, reviewed the reasons for the request which included health and safety of the patients.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) to recommend that the request for expeditious review be approved. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Donahue, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Gil, Hamel, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Panichas, Shire.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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